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## UNITED STATES.

### *Quarantine order affecting certain National quarantine stations.*

The following order has been issued to the medical officers in command of the National quarantine stations at Cape Charles, Va.; Southport, S. C.; Blackbeard Island, Ga. (South Atlantic Quarantine); Tortugas, Fla., and Ship Island (Gulf Quarantine), Miss.:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,  
MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE,

*Washington, D. C., June 20, 1896.*

SIR: In accordance with paragraph 3, Article X, page 31, Quarantine Laws and Regulations of the United States, 1894, authorizing the Surgeon-General to subject to such additional rules and regulations as may be promulgated from time to time any vessels detained at quarantine, and in response to requests for information concerning the necessity for the disinfection and detention of vessels from ports suspected, but not positively known to be infected with yellow fever, the following order is given for your information and guidance:

During the active quarantine season, May 1 to November 1, all vessels from ports described below, arriving at your station will be detained, and will be treated in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of the Quarantine Regulations for domestic ports. If any reason appears why this regulation should not be enforced with regard to any special vessel arriving at your port, you will wire the facts, together with your recommendation, to the Bureau for approval.

The ports referred to in the above are as follows: The ports in the West Indies; on the east coast of Mexico, Central and South America, as far south as and including ports on the Rio Plata; ports in Peru,

Ecuador, and Colombia; and on west coast of Central America and Mexico.

Respectfully, yours,

WALTER WYMAN,  
*Supervising Surgeon-General U. S. M. H. S.*

[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Three cases of smallpox in Pensacola.*

PENSACOLA, FLA., June 16, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you of the occurrence of 3 more cases of smallpox in this city, reported to the board of health by Dr. R. W. Hargis on the 13th instant.

Respectfully, yours,

J. WHITING HARGIS,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Disinfection of baggage of Chinese immigrants at San Francisco.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., ANGEL ISLAND, June 16, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to state that we have received 189 Chinese steerage passengers from the steamer *Coptic*, in order to disinfect their baggage, etc. A case of plague occurred on board, in one of the Chinese steerage passengers, soon after leaving Hongkong. He was taken ashore at Nagasaki, where he died, and the ship was put through a course of quarantine there.

Very respectfully,

M. J. ROSENAU,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Smallpox in the United States as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, May 9, 1896, to June 25, 1896.\**

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Florida:				
Pensacola .....	May 20-June 16....	3	.....	
Indiana:				
Indianapolis.....	May 29.....	1	.....	
Louisiana:				
New Orleans.....	May 9-June 13....	59	16	
Shreveport .....	May 16-May 30....	2	.....	
	June 6-June 13....	6	.....	
Ohio:				
Dayton.....	May 28-June 4....	1	1	
Tennessee:				
Memphis.....	May 1-May 30....	10	.....	
Shelby County (not includ- ing Memphis).	May 1-May 31....	8	2	
Tipton County.....	.....do .....	14	2	
Washington:				
Seattle.....	May 23.....	1	.....	Case occurred April 27; now convalescent. *

\* For table of smallpox in the United States, etc., December 26, 1895, to May 9, 1896, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS No. 23.